

Amendments to the Claims

This Listing of Claims, as amended below, replaces all previous listings.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) An implantable drug delivery system comprising:

a storage area for storing a drug,

a meter for metering a predetermined, effective amount of the drug;

delivery means for delivering the effective amount of the drug to a patient to treat a disorder, the delivery means comprising:

a catheter having a plurality of drug delivery ports, the drug delivery ports being movable between an open position to deliver the drug to the patient, and a closed position; and

drug delivery path preservation means comprising a coating on the catheter for interacting with fibrous occlusion-forming substances to resist delivering a substance to the ports for resisting fibrous occlusion of the drug delivery ports, the drug delivery preservation means being proximate the drug delivery ports.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) An implantable drug delivery system according to claim 13, wherein the coating substance for resisting fibrous occlusions comprises poly(glycine-valine-glycine-valine-proline).

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) An implantable drug delivery system according to claim 13, wherein the catheter has a longitudinal axis and the drug delivery ports comprise a plurality of slits.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) An implantable drug delivery system according to claim 13, wherein the coating substance for resisting fibrous occlusions in the drug delivery ports comprises a material selected from the group consisting of connective tissue growth blocker, C-Proteinase blocker, prolyl hydroxylase blocker, poly(glycine-valine-glycine-valine-proline), and polylacticglycolic acid microspheres including dexamethasone.

Claims 17-20. (Cancelled)